



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
OGASAWARA et al.)
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Filed: March 23, 2004)
For: DISK ARRAY SYSTEM)
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LETTER

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

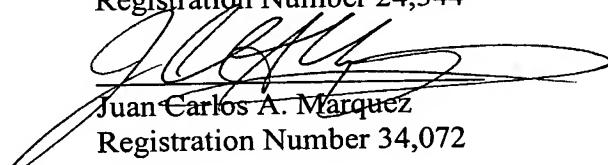
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of November 26, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-394922.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2003-394922 is being submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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